

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-258
May 22, 2003

Local Holdings, LLC d/b/a Transpoint
Communication
Request to Abandon Service and to
Transfer Assets

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE AND TRANSFER
ASSETS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On April 8, 2003 , Local Holdings, LLC d/b/a Transpoint Communications (Local Holdings) filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1) and to transfer utility assets pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1101. In support of its request, Local Holdings stated that it was planning to transfer its assets (including its customer base) to WorldxChange Corp. d/b/a Acceris Communications Solutions.

The Commission granted Local Holdings authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 2000-757. The Commission granted WorldxChange authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 2000-549.

Because there are a large number of competitive interexchange telephone utilities available to provide service the former customers of Local Holdings , we grant the request to abandon service. Local Holdings and WorldxChange have requested that the effective date of the abandonment be on the date that the transactions described in the application are completed. Both entities state that they will provide timely notice of the completion of the transactions to the Commission. The approval of the abandonment of service shall be effective on the date described in the ordering paragraph below. The approval to transfer assets is effective on the date of this order.

Local Holdings and WorldxChange state that they have provided notice to Local Holdings customers that they will be transferred to WorldxChange, that customers will continue to receive the same rates and services, and that customers have a right to choose another carrier. Local Holdings has also requested the Commission to grant it a waiver from any applicable slamming rules. That request is granted below.

Accordingly, we

1. APPROVE, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104, the request by Local Holdings, LLC to abandon service, effective on the earlier of either a) receipt of notice that the proposed transaction has been consummated or b) December 31, 2003;

2. APPROVE, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1101, the request by Local Holdings, LLC to transfer utility assets;

3. GRANT a waiver from the provisions of Chapter 296 of the Commission's Rules (Selection of Primary Interexchange and Local Exchange Carriers) for the transfer of customers from Local Holdings, LLC to WorldxChange Corp., following notice to customers that complies with the requirements of 47 CFR § 64.1120(e).

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 22nd day of May, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

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Diamond